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MAYOR'S OFFICE

Robert J. Donchez Mayor

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Mayor Bob Donchez announced today that the Bethlehem Health Bureau is partnering with the Wind Creek Event Center to deliver COVID-19 vaccine to individuals age 65 or older and individuals 18-64 years of age with certain medical conditions that increase the risk of severe illness from the virus. The Bethlehem Health Bureau was in need of a venue large enough to accommodate those seeking vaccinations under the newly expanded 1A category. Beginning the week of February 1, all vaccine clinics will be held at the Wind Creek Event Center. An e-mail notification will be sent to everyone who scheduled an appointment in February to inform them of the change in clinic location.

"Wind Creek has graciously agreed to allow the Bethlehem Health Bureau to utilize their Event Center. This space will provide extra capacity to vaccinate more people at each clinic. I would also like to thank the Bethlehem Area School District and Moravian College for providing space for our clinics in December and January. The City of Bethlehem is fortunate to have such strong community partners," Mayor Bob Donchez stated.

"It is our great pleasure to partner with Mayor Donchez, the Bethlehem Health Bureau and the owners of the Event Center to provide a venue to the City of Bethlehem to help deliver the Covid-19 vaccine," said Kathy McCracken, EVP & GM of Wind Creek Bethlehem. "From the beginning of this devastating pandemic, Wind Creek has prioritized the health and safety of our Guests and Team Members, and by opening our doors to act as a vaccination site, we are able to expand that to the greater community."

When more vaccine becomes available, the Bethlehem Health Bureau will post a pre-registration form on their website at https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Health-Bureau/Communicable-Diseases/COVID-19. The Bethlehem Health Bureau will be prioritizing appointments for City of Bethlehem, Northampton County and Lehigh County residents as well as individuals living in areas not serviced by a local public health department. Individuals residing in counties with a local public health department are asked to schedule appointments through their respective health department due to limited vaccine supply. Proof that individuals are eligible to receive a vaccine in the 1A phase will be required at the time of appointment. Individuals can contact the Bethlehem Health Bureau at 610-865-7083 with any questions.